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- 1. PEACEKEEPING DEBATE IN SPC CONCLUDED DECEMBER 9 WITH DELIVERY OF REMAINING STATEMENTS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS. FRANCE, UK, US, TURKEY AND CYPRUS SPOKE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. TEXT OF RESOLUTION SENT BY SEPTEL AND BY DATAFAX TO IO/UNP.
- 2. FRENCH DEL IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE NOTED THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS NOT SATISFACTORY, SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS WERE READY TO FACE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO SEE IT PROPERLY DEFINED AS SUCH IN RESOLUTIONS. FRANCE WILL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE IN EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PEACE-KEEPING GUIDELINES. FRENCH DEL CONCLUDED BY OBSERVING THAT ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE WILL BE ADVANCED AGAIN AT LATER OPPORTUNITY. UK DEL ALSO SPEAKING AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION COMMENTED THAT UK REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3WHICH SEEMED TO EMPHASIZE THAT SC PERM MEMBERS WERE NOT DEMONSTRATING POLITICAL WILL. UK DEL HAD WORKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HARD IN ACHIEVING PROGRESS TO DATE WHICH RECORD

WILL REFLECT. UK AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 3 WAS REJECTED, UNFORTUNATELY, WHICH DOES
LEAVE CERTAIN DOUBTS AS TO INTENTIONS OF DRAFTING
DELEGATIONS. TURKISH AND CYPRUS DELS SPOKE
BRIEFLY ON THEIR SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLTUION AND
THEN REMARKED ON EACH OTHERS' TRANSGRESSIONS IN CYPRUS.

3. US STATEMENT AS DELIVERED FOLLOWS:

"MR. CHAIRMAN, I SPEAK NOT IN AN EFFORT TO INITIATE CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES, BUT IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT THIS COMMITEE'S WORK INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES RESTS ON ALL MEMBERS -- PERMANENT SC MEMBERS OWING TO THEIR CHARTER OBLIGATIONS, AND OTHER MEMBERS AS A RESULT OF THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THIS COMMITTEE.

"IMPORTANT AND IMAGINATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS
HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY MANY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
WHO ARE NOT SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS.

LAST YEAR A WORKING PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF AN
ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE WAS PRESENTED BY INDIA,
ARGENTINA, EGYPT AND NIGERIA. THAT WORKING PAPER
WAS AGREED TO THIS YEAR AND REPRESENTED AN
IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD PROGRESS ON GUIDELINES.
WE ALSO NOTED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT A NUMBER
OF UN MEMOERS, ALTHOUGH NOT A PART OF THE
SPCIAL COMMITTEE, MADE SOME OF THE MOST IGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE YEAR THROUGH THEIR
PROPOSALS REGARDING PEACEKEEPING TRAINING AND PREPAREDNESS.

"BECAUSE OF THIS WE FIND IT UNREASONABLE FOR SOME MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ATTRIBUTE MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES TO OTHERS THAN TO THEMSELVES. CERTAINLY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY; SO TOO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DO UN MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE LORKING GROUP ESPECIALLY TO NEGOTIATE PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES. TRYING TO FIX BLAME FOR THE WORKING GROUP'S LACK OF PROGRESS SEEMS PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE IN A YEAR WHEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

"MY GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION JUST ADOPTED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THESE DIFFERENCES

CAN BE LEFT BEHIND AND WE CAN RETURN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND. WE JOIN ALL MEMBERS IN ASSUMING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS OF THE PAST YEAR AND TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREED SET OF GUIDELINES. IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MY DEL'S APPRECIATIONFOR THE ARDUOUS WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RAPPORTEUR AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS STATEMENT JUST DELIVERED IN INTRODUCING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US."

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